

## REMARKS

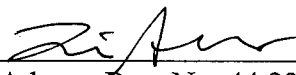
Applicants filed a Rule 312 Amendment on February 4, 2010, however it has come to Applicants attention that the priority claim cannot be added without a petition. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Rule 312 Amendment **not** be entered, and instead that the amendment submitted herewith be entered upon grant of the accompanying petition.

This paper amends the specification to add a Cross-Reference to Related Applications section. As set forth on the filing receipt, the present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/004,388, now U.S. Patent No. 6,767,354. As set forth on the cover of U.S. Patent No. 6,767,354, Appl. No. 10/004,388 is a divisional of U.S. Appl. No. 09/118,680, filed on Jul. 17, 1998. Accordingly, Applicants request entry of the amendment to add the priority claim to the earlier applications.

The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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